

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 107

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52—Relative to the James Dean Memorial Junction.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 52, O'Connell. James Dean Memorial Junction.

This measure would designate the junction of State Highway Routes 41 and 46 near Cholame in the County of San Luis Obispo as the James Dean Memorial Junction. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate plaques and markers showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, James Byron Dean, one of the most admired movie stars of all time and an icon of American culture, was born on February 8, 1931, in Marion, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, He later moved to California and attended Santa Monica City College and the University of California at Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, He is best known for his roles in "East of Eden," "Rebel Without a Cause," and "Giant," and he also appeared on television shows and in a Broadway play; and

WHEREAS, As a successful actor, he attained cult status in little more than a year's time, personifying the restless American youth of the mid-1950s; and

WHEREAS, He was tragically killed on September 30, 1955, in an automobile crash on State Highway Route 46 in San Luis Obispo County while traveling in his automobile on the way to a racing event; and

WHEREAS, Many decades after his death, James Dean remains widely admired as an accomplished actor, and it is appropriate to recognize his contributions through a designation of a memorial junction near the site of his untimely death; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the junction of State Highway Routes 41 and 46 near Cholame in the County of San Luis Obispo as the James Dean Memorial Junction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is hereby requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering this cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author of this resolution for distribution.

